

HOUSE No. 1009

By Mrs. Parente of Milford, petition of Marie J. Parente for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the incidence of child suicide. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE INCIDENCE OF CHILD SUICIDE.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of a member of
2 the house committee on education, a member of the senate com-
3 mittee on education, the commissioner of education or his
4 designee, the secretary of human services or his designee and four
5 persons to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a
6 member of a Massachusetts school committee nominated by the
7 Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Inc., one of
8 whom shall be a member of a council on children established
9 under Section 7 of Chapter 28A of the General Laws, one of
10 whom shall be a member of the mental health advisory council
11 established under Section 16 of the General Laws and one of
12 whom shall be a member of the advisory council for the planning,
13 construction, operation or utilization of community mental health
14 centers established under section 11 of Chapter 19 of the General
15 Laws, is hereby established for the purpose of making an investi-
16 gation and study relative to the phenomenon of child suicide, to
17 strategies for prevention and to the making available of resources
18 of the commonwealth to elementary and secondary schools to
19 assist the latter to identify and assist children at risk.

20 Said commission shall report to the house of representatives the
21 results of its investigation and study and its recommendations, if
22 any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its rec-
23 ommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the
24 house of representatives on or before the first Wednesday in
25 November, two thousand six.